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June 13, 2008

The Honorable Jed S. Rakoff United States District Judge Southern District of New York Room 1340 United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: 08-CIV-3829, Manhattan Telecommunications Corp., d/b/a Met Tel, 44 Wall Street 6<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10005, Plaintiff v. Global NAPs, Inc., Defendant. Answer of Defendant Global NAPs, Inc.

Dear Judge Rakoff:

On behalf of Global NAPs, Inc. ("Global NAPa"), enclosed please find the Answer of Defendant Global NAPs in the above referenced matter.

A copy of this letter and the accompanying Answer is being served contemporaneously on David Aranow, counsel for Plaintiffs at the address set forth in the Complaint.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Joel Davidow

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Manhattan Telecommunications Corp., d/b/a Metropolitan Telecommunications, a/k/a MetTel 44 Wall Street 6th Floor

Plaintiff,

v.

GLOBAL NAPS, INC.,

New York, NY 10005

Defendant

08-CIV-3829 (Judge Rakoff)

ANSWER OF DEFENDANT GLOBAL NAPS, INC.

DEFENDANT GLOBAL NAPS, INC. ("Defendant" or "Global"), by and through its counsel, Kile, Goekjian, Reed & McManus, PLLC, answer the Complaint as follows:

#### NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 1. Defendant denies all allegations in Paragraph 1.
- 2. Defendant denies all allegations in Paragraph 2.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. Defendant admits the allegations in Paragraph 3.
- 4. Defendant admits the allegations in Paragraph 4.

## ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

#### **PARTIES**

- 5. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 5.
- 6. Defendant admits the allegations in Paragraph 6 as to the physical location of the corporation, but denies that it provides anything other than "information services" to the Plaintiff.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 7. Defendant denies it owes Plaintiff for "switched access charges," as alleged. The remaining allegations of Paragraph 7 require no answer, insofar as they are general statements of law or call for legal conclusions.
- 8. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 8, but denies that it is an interexchange carrier.
- 9. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 9, but denies that it is selected by long distance customers.
- 10. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 10.
- 11. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 11.
- 12. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 12.
- 13. Defendant admits that "reciprocal compensation" is a term ascribed to one system of intercarrier compensation for local traffic and denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 13.
- 14. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 14.

15. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 15.

# Defendant's Non-Payment of Interstate and Intrastate Access Charges

- 16. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations regarding Plaintiff's service offerings. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 16 that such tariffs are applicable to Global's traffic.
- 17. Defendant admits the allegations in Paragraph 17, except that Defendant denies information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations in Paragraph 17 concerning the content or scope of Plaintiff's state and federal tariffs. Answering further, Defendant denies Plaintiff's access charges invoiced to Defendant are consistent with federal law governing how much and to whom intercarrier compensation is owed for Defendant's traffic.

#### COUNT I

## (BREACH OF FEDERAL TARIFF)

- 18. Defendant incorporates the responses to Paragraphs 1 through 17 as if fully set forth herein.
- 19. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 19.
- 20. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 20.
- 21. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 21.
- 22. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 22.
- 23. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 23.

- 24. Defendant admits the allegations in Paragraph 24.
- 25. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 25.
- 26. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 26.

#### **COUNT II**

## (BREACH OF STATE TARIFFS)

- 27. Defendant incorporates the responses to Paragraphs 1 through 26 as if fully set forth herein.
- 28. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 28.
- 29. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 29.
- 30. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 30.
- 31. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 31.
- 32. Defendant admits the allegations in Paragraph 32.
- 33. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 33.
- 34. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 34.

#### COUNT III

#### (UNJUST ENRICHMENT)

- 35. Defendant incorporates the responses to Paragraphs 1 through 34 as if fully set forth herein.
- 36. There is no allegation to which admission or denial is required.
- 37. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 37.
- 38. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 38.
- 39. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 39.
- 40. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 40.

#### **COUNT IV**

#### (ACCOUNT STATED)

- 41. Defendant incorporates the responses to Paragraphs 1 through 40 as if fully set forth herein.
- 42. Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 42. Answering further, Defendant denies that Exhibit A to the Complaint is a copy of any invoice or invoices ever received by Defendant from Plaintiff.
- 43. Defendant denies the allegations in Paragraph 43. Answering further, Defendant states that it protested specifically and generally to statements of account it received from Plaintiff in a timely fashion and on several occasions.

## AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

## FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a cause of action upon which relief can be granted.

## SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's first three counts are precluded by applicable federal telecommunications law and by the doctrine of preemption.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is barred from recovery because the only appropriate forums are the FCC, the regulatory body that has retained sole and exclusive jurisdiction over the traffic at issue, and state regulatory commissions. Plaintiff's claims should be dismissed or stayed by reasons of regulatory primary jurisdiction over this subject matter.

## FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint, and each claim for relief asserted therein, is barred or strictly limited by Plaintiff's Tariffs filed with the FCC or the applicable state regulatory agency of the State of New York.

## FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is barred from the relief sought by the doctrines of estoppel, laches and/or waiver.

## SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

To the extent the Complaint requests injunctive or equitable relief, Plaintiff is barred from such relief by the doctrine of unclean hands.

## SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims for damages are barred because the invoices Plaintiff allegedly submitted violate relevant state and federal law requiring that billing practices be just and reasonable.

## EIGTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims for compensation are for services or facilities not covered by Plaintiff's tariffs.

## NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims.

## TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred by failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

## ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the applicable statutes of limitations.

Defendant reserves the right to assert other affirmative defenses when and if they become appropriate in this action, and expressly reserves the right to amend this Answer to assert such additional defenses in the future or at or following trial.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Global NAPs, Inc. respectfully requests that this Court dismiss Plaintiffs' action in its entirety and grant Defendant such other or additional relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

#### JURY DEMAND

Defendant Global NAPs demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable in accordance with Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: June 12, 2008

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

By: /s/